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CROP PRODUCTION

NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Colorado's corn for grain production for 2006 remains forecast at 126.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year's crop of 140.6 million bushels and unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Average yield is forecast at 150.0 bushels per acre. Producers are expected to harvest 840,000 acres for grain. Sorghum production for 2006 is now expected to total 3.36 million bushels, down from the October 1 forecast of 3.48 million bushels and slightly below last year's crop of 3.41 million bushels. The 2006 yield is expected to average 28.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from last month and 3.0 bushels below the 2005 average. The area expected to be harvested remains at 120,000 acres, which is 10,000 acres more than last year. Sugarbeet production is now forecast at 873,000 tons, up 50,000 tons from the October 1 forecast and up 40,000 tons from the previous year. Yields are now expected to average 22.8 tons per acre, up from 21.5 last month but down from 24.3 tons per acre attained in 2005. The area for harvest is forecast at 38,300 acres, up from 34,300 acres in 2005. Fall potato growers in the San Luis Valley produced 22.69 million cwt of potatoes this year, down 1 percent from last year's crop. Average yield was 380 cwt per acre, down 15 cwt per acre from last year's yield and the third highest on record. The harvested area of 59,700 acres this year was 1,700 acres more than in 2005.

MILK PRODUCTION

OCTOBER 2006

Colorado dairy herds produced 215 million pounds of milk during the October 2006 period, nearly 9 percent above the 198 million pounds produced during the same period in 2005. The average number of milk cows on hand during the month was 112,000, up 6,000 head from the same month last year. Production per cow averaged 1,920 pounds for October, 2.7 percent above the 1,870 produced a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from October 2005. September revised production, at 13.1 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from September 2005. The September revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,656 pounds for October, 19 pounds above October 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 78,000 head more than October 2005, and 2,000 head more than September 2006.

Colorado and 23 State Milk Production, Oct., 2005-06

Item	Unit	2005	2006
Colorado:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	106	112
Production per cow <u>2/</u>	Pounds	1,870	1,920
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	198	215
United States:			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u>	1,000 head	8,168	8,246
Production per cow <u>2/</u>	Pounds	1,637	1,656
Production <u>2/</u>	Mil. lbs.	13,373	13,652

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down 1 percent from October and 3 percent lower than 2005. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 151.2 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from October but 3.3 bushels higher than last year. If realized, the yield would be the second largest on record, behind 2004. Yield forecasts are lower than last month across much of the western and central Corn Belt and Atlantic Coast States as producers reported that actual harvest yields were not as good as expected earlier due to lower grain weight per ear. Stalk quality and lodging problems were also reported in some

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areas. Sorghum continued to develop behind the normal pace. By October 29, ninety percent of the crop was

mature, compared with 94 percent last year and 93 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean production is forecast at 3.20 billion bushels, up slightly from October and 5 percent above 2005. If realized, this would be the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from October and equal to last year's record high yield.

Sugarbeet production for 2006 is forecast at a record high 33.6 million tons, 2 percent above the October forecast and 22 percent above last year's production. The yield is forecast at 25.8 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from October and 3.6 tons above 2005. If realized, yield will also be a record high, exceeding the previous record, set in 2000, by over 2 tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.31 million acres, 3 percent below last month but 5 percent above last year.

Production of fall potatoes for 2006 is forecast at 391 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 976,900 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 3 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 400 cwt per acre, 3 cwt below last year's record high. Western States production is forecast at 265 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 608,000 acres, increased 1 percent from last year but the average yield of 436 cwt per acre is down 13 cwt from 2005. Idaho's total potato forecast, at 122 million cwt, is 3 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 371 cwt per acre, up 5 cwt from last year. If realized this would be the second highest yield on record, 3 cwt below the record yield set in 2004. Growers had sufficient irrigation supplies during the growing season. Production in Washington is forecast at 89.9 million cwt, 6 percent below last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1997. High temperatures, strong winds, torrential downpours, and frost have all contributed to lower yields than last year in Washington. Colorado's production is expected to decline 1 percent from 2005 and yields are down 15 cwt per acre. Unusually wet and cool growing conditions along with early hail hampered crop development, lowering yields and reducing tuber sizes. Oregon's production is forecast to be down 16 percent. This is due mainly to yield dropping 64 cwt per acre from the record high set in 2005. In California, production is forecast to be up 14 percent. Good weather allowed growers to plant earlier than in 2005 and drier conditions resulted in larger tuber size and higher yields. In Montana, production is expected to be down 1 percent but crop quality is reported to be good. Nevada growers expect a 20 percent increase in production. This is due to

increases in planted and harvested acres which more than offset a decrease in yield. New Mexico's production is expected to be up 19 percent from last year due to an increase in harvested acres.

Total U. S. potato production in 2006 from all four seasons is estimated at 435 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.12 million acres, increased 3 percent from a year ago. Yield, averaging 389 cwt per acre, is down 1 cwt from last year.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.9 million, up 9 percent from November 1, 2005. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the October 1, 2006 total of 30.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 9 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 14 percent, and South Central and West up 4 percent.

The 24.7 million poults placed during October 2006 in the United States were up 15 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Placements were up 6 percent from the September 2006 total of 23.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 20 percent, West North Central up 12 percent, North and South Atlantic up 14 percent, and South Central and West up 27 percent.

Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2005-2006

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,100	1,000	950	840	Bu.	148.0	150.0	140,600	126,000
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	160	200	110	120	Bu.	31.0	28.0	3,410	3,360
All Wheat	2,570	2,170	2,219	1,919	Bu.	24.4	21.6	54,035	41,515
Winter Wheat	2,550	2,150	2,200	1,900	Bu.	24.0	21.0	52,800	39,900
Spring Wheat.....	20	20	19	19	Bu.	65.0	85.0	1,235	1,615
Oats.....	75	85	15	10	Bu.	75.0	70.0	1,125	700
Barley	60	47	59	42	Bu.	130.0	115.0	7,670	4,830
Proso Millet	290	290	275	<u>4/</u>	Bu.	20.0	<u>4/</u>	5,500	<u>4/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	1,550	1,540	Tons	2.64	2.65	4,085	4,081
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	800	770	Tons	3.70	3.50	2,960	2,695
Other Hay .....	...	...	750	770	Tons	1.50	1.85	1,125	1,386
Sugarbeets	36.4	43.6	34.3	38.3	Tons	24.3	22.8	833	873
Dry edible beans.....	125	75	115	70	Cwt.	16.5	19.0	1,898	1,330
Sunflowers, All.....	215	100	205	93	Lbs.	1,279	1,145	262,250	106,440
Sunflowers, Oil.....	150	80	145	75	Lbs.	1,250	<u>4/</u>	181,250	<u>4/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	65	20	60	18	Lbs.	1,350	<u>4/</u>	81,000	<u>4/</u>
All potatoes.....	63.2	64.0	62.9	63.7	Cwt.	393	379	24,748	24,166
Summer potatoes	5.0	4.1	4.9	4.0	Cwt.	375	370	1,838	1,480
Fall potatoes.....	58.2	59.9	58.0	59.7	Cwt.	395	380	22,910	22,686
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	31,000	16,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	12,000	11,000
Pears .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	2.5	2.4
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	81,759.0	78,561.0	75,107.0	71,047.0	Bu.	147.9	151.2	11,112,072	10,744,806
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	6,454.0	6,319.0	5,736.0	5,319.0	Bu.	68.7	54.2	393,893	288,470
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	57,229.0	57,334.0	50,119.0	46,810.0	Bu.	42.0	38.7	2,104,690	1,812,036
Winter Wheat	40,433.0	40,575.0	33,794.0	31,117.0	Bu.	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081
Spring Wheat.....	14,036.0	14,899.0	13,609.0	13,878.0	Bu.	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480
Oats.....	4,246.0	4,168.0	1,823.0	1,576.0	Bu.	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764
Barley	3,875.0	3,452.0	3,269.0	2,951.0	Bu.	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051
Rye.....	1,433.0	1,396.0	279.0	274.0	Bu.	27.0	26.3	7,537	7,193
Proso Millet	565.0	575.0	515.0	<u>4/</u>	Bu.	26.3	<u>4/</u>	13,545	<u>4/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	61,649.0	62,697.0	Tons	2.44	2.35	150,590	147,038
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	22,389.0	22,407.0	Tons	3.38	3.33	75,771	74,527
Other Hay .....	...	...	39,260.0	40,290.0	Tons	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511
Sugarbeets	1,299.8	1,362.8	1,242.9	1,305.9	Tons	22.2	25.8	27,537	33,627
Dry edible beans.....	1,665.0	1,648.8	1,568.6	1,562.4	Cwt.	17.44	15.23	27,350	23,800
Sunflowers, All.....	2,709.0	1,984.0	2,610.0	1,864.0	Lbs.	1,540	1,134	4,018,355	2,113,625
Sunflowers, Oil.....	2,104.0	1,686.0	2,032.0	1,587.0	Lbs.	1,564	<u>4/</u>	3,177,635	<u>4/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	605.0	298.0	578.0	277.0	Lbs.	1,455	<u>4/</u>	840,720	<u>4/</u>
All potatoes <u>3/</u>	1,109.1	1,136.6	1,086.9	1,118.9	Cwt.	390	389	423,926	434,789
Summer potatoes	53.4	59.4	51.4	54.8	Cwt.	342	342	17,567	18,731
Fall potatoes.....	967.7	988.4	949.0	976.9	Cwt.	403	400	382,743	390,917
Soybeans.....	72,032.0	75,565.0	71,251.0	74,505.0	Bu.	43.0	43.0	3,063,237	3,203,908
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,864.9	9,842.7
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,184.6	1,053.8
Pears .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	825.3	835.3

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops. 4/ Jan. 2007

COLD STORAGE
OCTOBER 31, 2006

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2006 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, beef, cheese, and pork. Butter stocks were down 19 percent from last month, but up 39 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 3 percent from last month and up 6 percent from the previous year. Frozen pork supplies were up 6 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 63 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2006 were down 4 percent from the previous month and down 8 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up slightly from the previous month, but down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 11 percent from last month and down 1 percent from October 31, 2005.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2005	Sept. 30, 2006	Oct. 31, 2006
1,000 Pounds			
Butter	98,112	167,496	135,931
Cheese, total natural.....	755,930	831,263	804,907
Eggs, frozen	17,619	19,038	16,273
Poultry, total frozen	1,224,511	1,180,764	1,130,034
Chicken.....	804,192	710,515	712,878
Turkey.....	417,605	463,908	411,577
Fruits, frozen.....	1,204,538	963,258	1,196,133
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,393,806	1,007,806	987,567
Vegetables, total frozen ...	2,606,753	2,476,573	2,599,108
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,199,971	1,009,614	1,068,070
Meats, total red	905,928	934,795	958,892
Beef, total frozen.....	439,186	477,372	473,743
Pork, total frozen.....	446,476	440,728	466,731

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

UPCOMING REPORTS

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